GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:259
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2003
AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN FILM PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently entered into an agreement with some countries particularly with Italy to promote cooperation in the field of film production;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of such countries;

(c) the extent to which it will be helpful for the film industry;

(d) whether the Government has considered to appoint a joint commission for implementing these agreements; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.259 FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2003.

(a) to (e): This Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Canadato enter into an Audio-visual Co-production Agreement with that country. Similar interest has also been shown by the Government of the Italian Republic. Lettersof Intent have been signed with both these countries expressing the intention of the Government to enter into Audio-visual Co-production Agreements with both the countries. The Agreements are still at the draft stage. Therefore appointment of a Joint Commission does not arise at present.

Entering into Government−to-Government Co Production Agreements with othercountries will enable producers of both countries to pool their financial, creative, technical and marketing resources, thus providing access to a wider audience base. Such projects are expected to promote higher visibility in international markets for Indian films and increased opportunities for the animation sector.